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Request for Proposals for the Homeland Security Assistance for Non-Profit Organizations Program

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I. Program Overview

Under the Fiscal Year 2005 Homeland Security Program, California received \$5,121,336, for high density urban area grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and religious nonprofits that are determined to be at risk of terrorist attack. Each eligible Urban Area will be responsible for reviewing and determining funding of eligible applicants in their defined urban areas. The United States Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness, allocated this funding to the urban areas, based upon the criteria used to determine UASI funding allocations, which include credible threat, presence of critical infrastructure, vulnerability, population, population density, law enforcement investigative and enforcement activity, and the existence of formal mutual aid agreements.

The California Office of Homeland Security (OHS) will be coordinating the request for proposal (RFP) process for nonprofit organizations. However, the respective Urban Area Working Groups will be responsible for determining which applications are funded and the amount of funding.

II. Selection and Award Process

This funding is available for the protection of nonprofit organizations located within the urban areas from terrorist attacks. For this Request for Proposal process the following process will be used to determine eligible grantees:

1. Any eligible grantee will fill out the Non-Profit Organizations application form and submit the relevant tax or other forms to guarantee their non-profit status (501(c)(3)) or their equivalent religious organization tax exemption status.
2. Eligible nonprofit organizations will submit their applications to OHS by **August 1, 2005**. Applications should be postmarked no later than the final filing date and submitted to:

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

3. The State will collect all applications and forward them to the corresponding Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) that received non-profit funding.
4. The UAWG will rate each application proposal and determine which non-profit applications will be awarded funding. **Note: No nonprofit entity can be awarded more than \$100,000 of funding.**
5. For informational purposes, the respective UAWG will forward a list of the grantees that they have selected for funding to OHS by **September 15, 2005**.

III. Criteria for Selection

In making the selections of nonprofit entities for funding, the UAWGs must consider the following criteria:

- Threats from U.S. Department of State designated international terrorist organizations (<http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/fs/2004/37191.htm>) against any group of United States citizens who operate or are the principal beneficiaries or users of the nonprofit organization
- Prior attacks, within or outside the United States, by international terrorist organizations against the nonprofit organization or entities associated with or similarly situated as the nonprofit organization
- Symbolic value of the site(s) as a highly recognized national cultural or historical institution that renders the site a possible target of international terrorism
- The role of the nonprofit organization in responding to international terrorist attacks
- Previously conducted threat and/or vulnerability assessments
- Increased threats to specific sectors and/or areas.
- OHS recommends that UAWGs work with the Regional Terrorism Threat Assessment Centers and the Joint Terrorism Task Forces in their respective areas to determine appropriate security enhancements.

IV. Funding Breakdown for California

Urban Area	Amount of Non-Profit Funding
Anaheim	\$114,490
San Francisco	\$935,551
Los Angeles	\$3,750,000
San Diego	\$320,885

V. Eligible Applicants

Only nonprofit entities and religious nonprofit entities that reside in one of the eligible urban areas are eligible for funding in this request for proposal process.

VII. Allowable Costs

Security Enhancements

Security enhancements are allowable costs for these proposals. Any security enhancement that will help to protect nonprofit organizations from terrorist attacks may be an allowable expense under this grant.